This update provides some highlights of the PHIP committees' work. Fall of 2008 is a busy time for the PHIP partners and members. The 2008 individual Performance Review Reports have been sent to all LHJ's, DOH specific-programs, and the SBOH. The 2008 Overall System Performance Review Report is due in December, 2008, as is the 2008 PHIP Report.

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Performance Management (PM) Committee www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/PerfMgmt/overview.htm	**2008 Public Health Performance Review** The 2008 review was completed in June. 35 LHJs, 23 sites in DOH, and the SBOH were reviewed. Individual site review reports have been sent to each agency and the statewide standards data are being analyzed for the final 2008 Overall System Performance Review Report and Exemplary Practices. Both of these are expected to be published in December, 2008. **MLC3 Mini-grants** MLC3 mini-grants (based on the RWJ and NNPHI grant) have been awarded to 9 LHJs and will focus on Quality Improvement in the areas of Chronic Disease (Physical Activity), Immunization and Prenatal Care. These grants will be for 2 years in duration and represent the third cycle this committee has given QI grants. The previous grants were given in 2006 and 2007. **National Accreditation** The National Accreditation Communication Plan has been developed and updates have been provided to WSALPHO, PHELF, CHLF and the DOH Senior Management Team. The EHD will be updated in the coming months. Performance Management Committee members are receiving continual news from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and will send out regular updates to all of the WSALPHO forums and the DOH SMT. The vetting of the National Standards has been delayed to February of 2009.
Key Health Indicators (KHI) Committee www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/khi/overview.htm	**Local Public Health Indicators (LPHI)** The LPHI web site - www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/khi/lphi/overview.htm - shows data on 27 of the 32 indicators by jurisdiction. DOH Environmental Health has been compiling data for 2 of the 3 environmental health indicators and these will be added to the website. Data for the remaining three indicators: % of children adequately immunized, % of children with insurance and % of solid waste facilities in compliance are being developed. The health indicator data will be updated every two years developing trend lines, with the next update scheduled in 2009. Example of how local health is using the local public health indicator data can be found at: www.doh.wa.gov/phip/khi/product.htm. A survey to monitor the use of the LPHIs conducted earlier this year showed that many of the LHJs are using the LPHIs, have selected priority areas to focus on, and are figuring out what strategies to use. Many LHJs have folded the LPHIs into their own data work/ indicators. A toolkit to assist local health to talk about how to use the data in conjunction with other efforts is being developed.
Activities & Services (A/S) Committee www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930AS/overview.htm	**The New Activities and Services Committee** Committee members have been identified and committee was formed this summer as recommended by the PHIP BOD earlier this year. During its first meeting, the committee began developing a work plan, outlining priorities and working to meet the legislative mandates. Berk and Associates has been contracted to assist in identifying the list of **Core Public Health Activities and Services**. The short-term pilot report is expected to be released in November, 2008, with a long-term recommendation strategy in July of 2009.

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Public Health Information Technology (PHIT) Committee www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/InfoTech/overview.htm	**Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT)** CHAT's work has been a joint effort with the KHI Committee. The plan for application development was approved by the PHIT Committee. The project build began in October 2008. The first release of CHAT is scheduled for August of 2009 and full deployment (5 phases) is expected to be in December of 2010. Vista PHw will be maintained until CHAT is tested and functioning. **Alerting and Communications Project** This project is reviewing the WA-SECUREs tool with increased use of Health Alerts and broader system testing. The business process analysis project is underway. **PHIT Mini-grants** The PHIT mini-grants RFP for 2008-2009 has been distributed to LHJs and tribal public health leaders and requests are due by October 17, 2008. The focus on this year's mini-grants is the same as last year's - to provide opportunities for basic IT training and education.
Workforce Development (WFD) Committee www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/wfd/overview.htm	**Recruitment and Retention** Recruitment and Retention continues to be a major focus for this group with the committee-sponsored Hilary Heishman report which captured interviews with LHJ directors. Additionally, the Gilmore Research Group highlighted interviews with new hires and the Desautel Hege Report outlined recommendations to the committee. The committee is also reviewing the need for an HR tool to improve communication between LHJs on shared HR issues. The WFD committee plans to review data from the 2008 Overall System Performance Review Report for WFD implications. **APHA CareerMart** The APHA CareerMart is a joint effort of this committee and WSPHA. It recently has been renewed for a second year. **SmartPH** The Learning Management System has had an increased use. Four new modules have been added focusing on CD-Epi which also provide support to the 5930 Performance Measures work. One of the modules specifically focuses on PHIMS-related training. There is an increased interest and use of the training tracking feature of SmartPH.

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